

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish propagation waters located in the City of Hampton, City of Poquoson and York County, Virginia.

The impaired segments are located in VDH Growing Area 54 containing:

Growing Area 54	Cedar Creek, Northwest branch Back River
Growing Area 54	Topping Creek, Northwest branch Back River
Growing Area 54	Tabbs Creek, Northwest branch Back River
Growing Area 54	Watts Creek, Northwest branch Back River
Growing Area 54	Front Cove, Northwest branch Back River
Growing Area 54	S.W. Branch Back River
Growing Area 54	Harris River, Back River
Growing Area 54	Wallace Creek, Back River
Growing Area 54	Long Creek, Back River
Growing Area 54	Gundland Creek, Back River

The impaired segments are located in VDH Growing Area 53 containing:

Growing Area 53 -137A	Poquoson River: Chisman Creek
Growing Area 53 -137B	Patrick's Creek
Growing Area 53 -137C	Poquoson River
Growing Area 53 -137D	Lambs Creek
Growing Area 53 -137E	Poquoson River: Roberts Creek

Growing Area 53 -137F Lyons creek

Growing Area 53 -137G White House Creek

Growing Area 53 -137H Bennett Creek

Growing Area 53 -137I Easton Cove

Growing Area 53 -151 Back Creek

All waters are tributaries to Chesapeake Bay.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

This is the final public meeting on these waters to provide information contained in the draft TMDL and solicit public comment. The meeting will be held on March 23, 2006 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sandy Bottom Nature Center Conference Room, 1255 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, Virginia 23666. Directions can be obtained by calling Chester Bigelow at (804) 698-4554.

The public comment period will begin on March 24, 2006, and end on April 21, 2006. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or e-mail [ccbigelow@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:ccbigelow@deq.virginia.gov).